

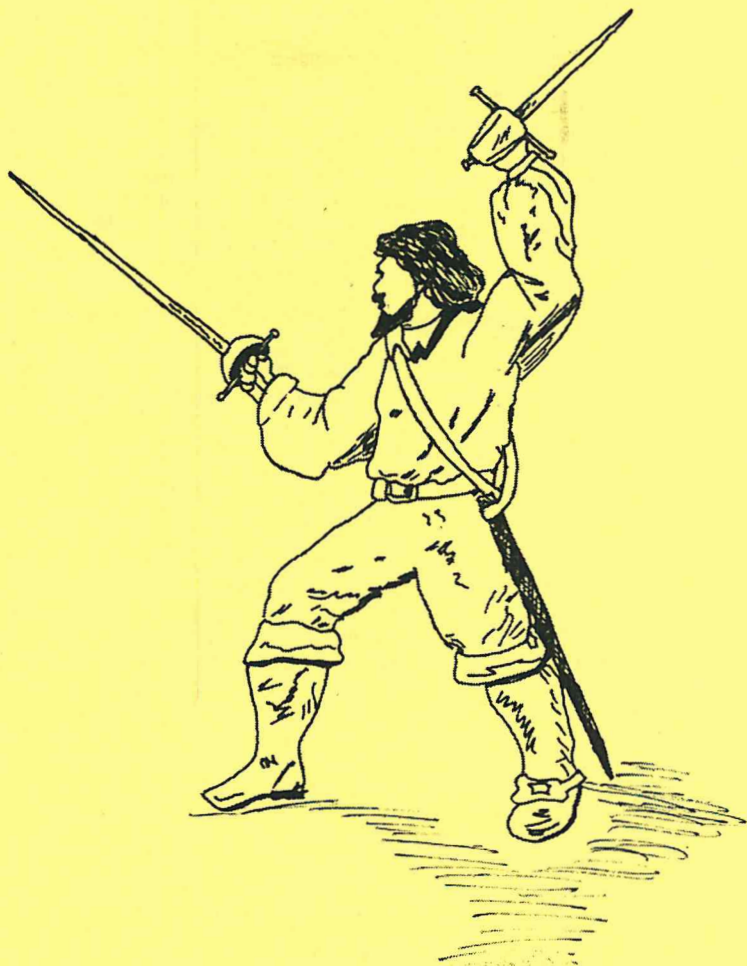


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A Sworded Affaire
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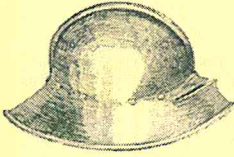
Ladies-in-Waiting

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Lady Jehannette

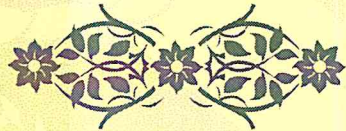
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APRIL

5	FOOL'S TOURNEY <i>White Mountain</i>
12-13	OUTLAND'S ARTS & SCIENCES-QUEENS COLLEGIUM <i>Gleann Medonach</i>
26	SWORDED AFFAIRE**

MAY

1	<i>Happy New Year! Anno Societatus XXXVIII</i>
9-11	OUTLANDS CORONATION** <i>Dragonspine</i>
21-26	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

JUNE

20-22	QUEST FOR THE CRIMSON CHALICE**
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** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the populace from Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran. We hope you are enjoying these fine days of spring, as we are.

We congratulate Their Royal Highnesses, Irel and Rosalind, on their recent victory in Their Majesties, Jaxarticus and Kathryn, Crown Tournament. We also thank Mistress Elisheva for an outstanding event. From the field to feast hall, everything was great.

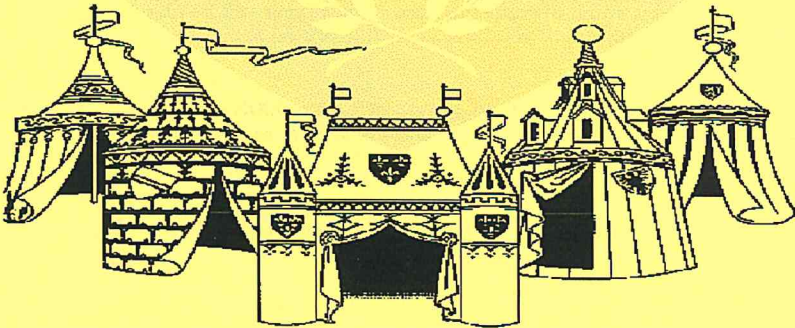
We thank Duchess Aziza for doing such a wonderful job organizing the Horse Faire last month. We played fun games on horseback, ate a great lunch, and learned a lot about equestrian activities. Can't wait til the next one.

Fighter practices have been excellent and We still encourage you mighty fighters of al-Barran to practice melees at least one hour per week. This will keep us conditioned until the King calls us to arms again.

Sworded Affaire and Grand Outlandish will soon be upon us. We invite you to celebrate these fine al-Barranian event with us, as We welcome in summer. We are blessed to have each and everyone of you in the Barony, and hope to meet those of you who we may not know.

Sir Trevor

Fermina



From the Outgoing Hospitaller

Greetings,

This being my last letter to you as Hospitaller, I wish to take a minute and thank everyone who helped me.

Thank you to Lady Isabella for getting all the loaner garb set up and easy for the populace to get to when needed. To Jim PyRAT for getting the newcomers information in order and the bulletin board up and running. And a big thanks to Kathws for letting the Newcomer's trifold come out of the chronicle's office, till we got everything up to par.

Again, thanks to everyone for all their help. You made my two years in office outstanding.

In service to the dream,

Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Incoming Hospitaller

Greetings,

First let me introduce myself. I am Lady Isabella al-Harith and I am stepping up as al-Barran's new Hospitaller. Things are already full swing the Barony for tournament and demo season. Remember if you or someone you know would like to have a demo or have an idea for one, please contact me ASAP so that you can get the demo request form turned in on time.

I do have outstanding deputies helping me with the needs of the populace. First there is Jim PyRAT who is in charge of newcomer info and the bulletin board that is at the park on Sundays. If you need a copy of the Newcomer trifold, feel free to contact him.

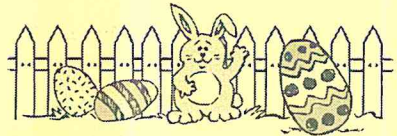
Secondly I have Lady Diana and she has agreed to take on the collecting, repairing, and the loaning out of loaner garb. So at those times that you are cleaning out your closet, before you throw them out give her a call and we might be able to put it to use.

Third, Lilliana will be working on getting the leaner feast gear together so that newcomers and individuals in need of feast gear will be able to dine with us during feast season. If you have gear that you no longer need, we welcome the donation.

I have a list of things I hope to accomplish while I am in office. If you have ideas for demos, fundraisers, or something different for the Barony, feel free to contact me.

In Service to the Dream

Lady Isabella al-Harith



From the Mistress of the List

Greetings and Merry Met!

We are now entering the Grand time of year known in this kingdom as the Outlands camping and tournament season. As a mistress of the list, this is **definitely** my favorite time of year. It started off with Spring Crown Tournament, congrats to the Prince and Princess!!! The tournament was great and a monstrous thank you goes out to al-Barran's fantastic populace, to Rolling Thunder, to Crimson, and to all the wonderful gentles who gave of themselves to make the tournament, the feast, the vigil, the reception, the Laurel ceremony, and the Pelican ceremony all wonderful. Your generosity again made the Outlands shine brighter than the sun and made so many people happy!

This month my article is to preach common sense. Now we all must remember to carry our membership card to every event, and if you are a fighter you must also remember your authorization card also. Reasons for this...first and foremost, IT SAVES YOU MONEY! Second, if you want to fight you have to have the authorization card to do so, and if you have the membership card you don't have to mess with any paperwork...Make sure everything is current (I actually had to find an authorizing marshal for someone in Crown tournament! - don't let this be you!)

Always remember...MoL's need attention too! We live for attention from fighters. Our little hearts go pitty-patter when one of you tells us thank you, or brings food, candy, or chocolate. We are putty in your hands when given a cold Gatorade, or when a fighter says, "Wow! You sure look nice today." Remember to brighten our lives! Come and make our day.

In Service,

Danica

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Pony World once again features someone near and dear to our wonderful barony. Check it out and see who. Thank you, Michael McQuillan for all of your hard work in making *Pony World* happen. Who knows, one day it might be YOU! Thank you also for providing the basis for this month's cover.

As always I am looking for articles, artwork, songs, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft*. If you know someone who is talented in any of these areas please let me know and I will seek them out for contributions for the *Baronial Shaft*.

If I haven't introduced the baronial webminister previously, it is high time I did, please join me in welcoming Lady Melody Shaw to the barony and the web-ministry for our barony. She will be keeping the website updated and providing a new look to it in the future. But to keep it updated we need the updated information sent to Lady Melody and to me (for the *Baronial Shaft*) so that this can happen in a timely manner. As we find web addresses for

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event websites she also add links to them on the events page of the website, so if you can provide those to us this is a great help to us. Also web pages for event can be built if notified about this need. Please help me and Lady melody in making our barony's website the best it can possibly be.

In service,

Lady Kathus

Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:

April medieval dates "http://historymedren.about.com/library/date/blfinddate.htm
April fool's information look on page 10.

Clipart in this issue from:

Chronicler files

Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: <http://www.al-barran.org>
Blaidwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>
Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>
SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

War Tabards

Estrella was glorious, and part of the glory, for all to see, was matching tabards on Outlanders. The work, organization, and original financing came from the Barony of al-Barran. Although the baronies and one office reimbursed for their personalized set, the Barony of al-Barran generously covered the cost of tabards for our wonderful neighbors near and far; Drygestan, St. Golias, Rio de las Animas Perdidas, Fontaine dans Sable, along with the price of new Outlands/scorpion tabards.

Al-Barran generously put up all the funds for construction of 230 tabards this year. Those funds covered the cloth and trim bought in bulk and the professional screen-printing. Al-Barran received reimbursement from the following groups: Caerthe, Citadel of the Southern Pass, Dragonspine, Kingdom Waterbearer, and The Huns.

I would like to greatly thank the wonderful volunteer efforts of our populace. I wish to recognize and thank all those who helped bring this project to completion.

sleeve art design: THL Gwendlyn MacIver

tabard design and assembly: THL Sebastian

tabard construction: TRH Breisha Taylor, Lady Brena de Marsh, Lady Seagh-nait Dhohchaidh, Lord Morgan Railey, Susanna Shaper, Sasha de Marsh, and China

delivery to Candlemas: Master Adam Steadfast

This is my report,
submitted this 18th day of March, AS XXXVII.

Gunnwalde Gulljorn

(war tabard coordinator)



Exciting Opportunity

Pray heed all good gentles a demo will be held May 9, 2003 at James Monroe Middle School from 9 am to 2 pm. All skills are needed from artistic to fighting. **Two of our young members attend this school** and very much want to share their interest with the rest of the sixth graders. Even if you just want to wear garb and not talk your presence would be much appreciated. Please contact THL Sabia at 896-3333 or by email at ldysabia@aol.com or Lady Skia at 344-0094.

Celtic Games Demo

The Barony of Al-Barran

May 17, AS XXXVIII (2003)

SCA Demo to run all day from 7 am to 4 pm

Lunch will be provided

We need participants for the following categories:

Heavy weapons fighting
Heralds
Middle Eastern dancing
Arts and Science display

Rapier fighting
Court dancing
Singing

Please contact Caroline at 804-3575 or Lady Isabella at 235-9729 for more information on the Celtic Games demo.

Please contact Caroline or Lady Isabella about participating in the demo by March 31st if you want free admission tickets into the Celtic Games demo.

Grand Outlandish XXX Clean-Up Dates

We will again be cleaning up the Grand Outlandish site (trash and choilla removal) as in years past. Expect to help pick up trash, dispose of choilla, and otherwise help make the site better for Grand Outlandish; please bring your work gloves and other yard tools. Come work with friends, have some lunch, and scope out the site on any, or all, of the following dates from 10 am-4 pm; April 5th, and May 3rd & May 5th.

This year's GOT site is the same as last year, Torrance County Park.

Directions: From Albuquerque, take I-40 East to Exit 187 (Edgewood), go South (right) 0.2 miles to NM 333 (Historic 66), turn East (left) 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary), turn South (right) 2.4 miles to Martinez Rd (gravel), turn West (right) 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park". This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for .03 miles to the park.

CAUTION: Exit 187 (Edgewood) is under construction, it is still accessible from both directions but watch the signs closely for instructions. Stay to the right if approaching the site from Albuquerque.

For more GOT information check on page 13.

On All Fool's Day

On April 1, the jester ruled the hall and everything was backward whidder-shins). During the meal, the feasters tried to outdo each other with ridiculous tales. It was socially permissible to play tricks and practical jokes until noon.

<http://skell.org/SKELL/apr.htm>

*The first of April some do say
Is set apart for All Fools' Day;
But why the people call it so,
Nor I, nor they themselves, do know,
But on this day are people sent
On purpose or pure merriment.
-Poor Robin's Almanac (1760)*

http://www.inglewoodcarecentre.com/history/april_fool.htm

*Come one, come all!
Leave your looms and milking stools
Coop the hens and pen the mules.
Come one, come all!
Close the churches and the schools
It's the day for breaking rules
Come and join the feast of Fools!
—from Disney's The Hunch Back of
Notre Dame*

<http://www.win.net/ashrun/fools/history.htm>

*There is a foolish corner even in the
brain of the sage—Aristotle*

<http://www.workinghumor.com/quotes/fools.shtml>

*He who knows not and knows not that
he knows not is a fool - avoid him!
He who knows and knows not that he
knows is asleep - waken him!
He who knows not and knows that he
knows not wants a beating - beat him!
But he who knows and knows that he
knows is a wise man - know him.
~ ~ ~ Proverb*

<http://www.corsinet.com/braincandy/qfools.html>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<u>Regular Activities listings</u> More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19.		
6 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	7 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proj
13 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	14 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proj
20 Fighter & Rapier Practice	21 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proj
27 Fighter & Rapier Practice	28 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proj

April Holiday Dates

1 Fool's Day
 6 Daylight Savings Time begins
 13 Palm Sunday
 16 Full Moon
 17 first day of Pass-over
 18 Good Friday
 20 Easter



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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Blaidwyn ect Conclave	2	3 Blaidwyn Ar- mor Workshop	4	5 Archery Practice Equestrian Practice <i>GOT Clean-Up</i>
8 Blaidwyn ect Conclave	9	10 -Heraldry Mtg -Blaidwyn Ar- mor Workshop -Equestrian Practice	11	12 <i>Queen's Collegium</i>
15 CITIZEN'S MEETING Blaidwyn ect Conclave	16	17 Blaidwyn Ar- mor Workshop	18 Weaving Knowledge Exchanges & Workshop	19 Archery Practice Equestrian Practice
22 Blaidwyn ect Conclave	23	24 -Heraldry Mtg -A&S Workshop -Blaidwyn Ar- mor -Equestrian	25	26 <i>Sworded Affaire</i>
29 Blaidwyn ect Conclave	30			

April Medieval Dates

Happy Birthday to Charlemagne born April 2, 742.

Edward the Confessor crowned King of England April 3, 1042

Moscow founded April 4, 1147; first known documentation of the city.

Giotto, noted painter, appointed Architect of Florence April 12, 1334.

Baldwin II crowned King of Jerusalem April 14, 1118.

Happy Birthday to William Shakespeare born April 23, 1564.

High King of Ireland Brian Boru dies on April 23, 1014 in his 70's during the Battle of Clontarf.

Happy Birthday Catherine of Siena born April 29, 1347.

A Sworded Affaire

The Barony of al-Barran

April 26, AS XXXVII (2003)

Moriarity Civic Center, 201 Broadway Rd, Moriarity NM 87035

Site opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m.

Fees: \$10.00 for site and feast; \$6.00 for site only,

Children under 7 are free.

(This does not include the \$3.00 non-member surcharge)

Please make checks payable to "SCA al-Barran"

The site is DRY.

To the good gentles of the great Kingdom of the Outlands does Coinneach MacPherson send greetings!

I would like to invite one and all to attend A Sworded Affaire, the premier rapier event in the Kingdom of the Outlands! This year's Sworded Affaire will be a day and night of learning, fighting, feasting and fun. We will be holding classes in the morning covering a broad range of topics that are rapier-related, as well as classes for non-combatants. We will have special guest instructors from out-of-Kingdom, as well as instructors from several places in the Outlands. Following the classes will be a pair of tournaments, with some fantastic prizes. Then, in the evening, we will be having a feast and revel in the "La Clairière de la Nympe" French tavern. If you have any interest in the art of the rapier, or just want to come out and have fun with us, then please, come join us!

Feast Menu:

First Remove

Cheeses

Breads

Chicken pate

Second Remove

Spinach and cheese pastries

Meatballs and mushrooms in a creamy cheese sauce

Third Remove

Spring greens tossed with a creamy cheese dressing

Carrots and leeks

Mushroom, barley, and onion soup

Fourth Remove

Beef roasted with a peppercorn cream sauce

Apple stuffed baked chicken

Fifth Remove

Pear tarts

Apple tartlets

Apple barley custard

Chocolate delights

Pear and honey bread

For current information on the event schedule, the feast, local hotel specials, or any other part of the event, please visit the event website at: <http://www.silvertyne.com/~sworded>

Directions: From al-Barran (Albuquerque), go EAST on I-40 from Albuquerque for 27.5 miles. Take exit 196 for Moriarity. At the stop sign turn right heading SOUTH. At the stop light turn right heading WEST for .2 miles. Turn left directly after the Post Office (which is on the left). The large building on the left after the (closed) bowling alley is the Moriarity Civic Center. There will be a sign for the Civic Center just before the right turn.

Site Restrictions: No Pets. The site is DRY.

Autocrat: Don Coinneach MacPherson (Kenneth Hargis) (505) 343-8362 or coinneach@silvertyne.com

Feast Coordinator: Lady Bronwen Blackwell (Reta Bray) (505) 281-6440 or ladyblackwell@postmark.net

Reservations: Lady Isabella al-Harith (Ramona Apodaca) (505) 235-9729 or LadyIsabella55@hotmail.com

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The cut-off date for reservations will be Friday, April 18, 2003. Please try to make your reservations in advance!

Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX

Barony of al-Barran
Torrance County Park

Site opens at Noon, Wednesday, May 21, AS XXXVIII (2003)

Site closes at Noon, Monday, May 26, AS XXXVIII (2003)

Site Fees: \$20 Adult, \$10 15 and under, Family Cap of \$55, Additional \$3 surcharge for all non-members

Site is Wet

Their Excellencies Trevor and Fermina invite the Knowne World to come help us celebrate 30 Grandly Outlandish years! Activities will abound for all interests... heavy and rapier fighting, archery, arts & sciences, shopping, and of course, an Outlandish revel or two. The site is high in the Rocky Mountains, just under 7,000 ft, so please remember to bring lots of water for yourself, your children, and your pets, as there is no running water on-site. While we are hoping for more moisture, fire restrictions are a near certainty so please plan accordingly.

Highlights from the schedule...

- Heavies fight to become El Cid and name your Lady of May on Friday then lead your forces against the Almoravids in the Battles of Valencia and Zallaka on Saturday (all weapons 6' and under). Join in the traditional melees (Stagsblood!!) and wear down your opponents in the Citadel Speed List on Sunday.
- The fun starts early for the Rapiers with The Roving Rapier Tourney beginning on Thursday and running through Sunday. While you're not

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out on the highway challenging your foes enjoy the Drygestan Tourney on Friday and prepare yourself to become the Outlandish Blade on Saturday. As if that wasn't enough, the Torchlight Laundry List (yes, that was Torchlight) should amaze spectators and warriors alike.

- Archers will be drawing down on a Roving Shoot of their own in addition to the Yeoman Qualifier and Royal Archer Shoots. Special shoots just for the ladies and for the young'uns are sure to please.
- But wait, there's more... Arts & Sciences activities running the gambit from first aid and comfortable camping to woodworking and period clothing. Interested in teaching? Let us know.
- Revel? Did someone mention revels? Join al-Barran for a Saturday night torchlight spectacular and a Bardic on Sunday. Their Excellencies Citadel are also planning an evening of southern hospitality for everyone to enjoy.
- Just looking to relax? Enjoy a hot shower after a long day of Outlandishness. A new feature this year, help us make it a success!

SPECIAL NOTICE:

If you cannot provide proof of membership (either a blue or white card or current publication label) at the gate you will be charged the \$3 non-member surcharge. Additionally, proof of membership is required to participate in any martial activity. If your membership is coming up for renewal soon, now is an opportune time to renew it!

Want to help? Excellent, reserve your spot on the Outlandish Wall of Volunteers! Please contact the coordinator you wish to work with or myself for additional information. Thank you!

Greetings to the parents of al-Barran!

Would you like to help show the Knowne World the wonders of children at Grand Outlandish? Would you like to help the children have a fun-tastic time? Have I got a deal for you :)

ATTENTION PARENTS!

I am seeking parents, or anyone interested in children's activities, to sponsor activities at Outlandish. If you have a great idea, or know someone that does, space and funding can be provided. There will be an enclosed 20x20 tent in down town with tables and chairs. Please help make Outlandish a success for the next generation and contact me directly for more information or with your activity information:

- Range of times they would like to sponsor (Fri - Sun)
- Description of the activity
- Age group desired
- Will the activity require the tent?
- Cost of materials needed
- Contact information; legal and SCA names, phone, and email (preferred)

Want to know more? Check out our Website at **www.grandoutlandish.org** or feel free to contact me directly.

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THL Ryan de Caergybi
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Alec Reber
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Outlandish30@aol.com



Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan

" Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289, Los Alamos, 87544

July 17-20, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

" Site opens at noon on Thursday, July 17th and

Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 20th

" Site Fee is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 8-16, and

Family cap is \$30.

The site is wet.

Greeting all good Gentles and be of good cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow, try your hand at The Gauntlet to become the Defender of Dragons and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shire of Drygestan.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains, and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at 7:30 pm.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year please stay updated on Forest closures.

New this year: All merchants must be current SCA members. Please contact Elijah Ravenson or Marygold of Clan Tynker at (505) 474-7468.

As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

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Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit. Turn right at first stoplight. Stay straight through several stoplights until NM 4 where the road "T's." Turn right. Follow NM 4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Route 4 north through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldera and turn right on Forest road 289.

Any questions regarding merchants, volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lady Renee Nix de Livingstone (Renee Nix), at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084.



Crown Tourney Recap and Thank You

Thank you, al-Barran, for helping to put together a great event! To Emer and her "trolls", Ryan, James David, Lavan, Mordygan and the early morning set up crew, Tomas and the Friday night hall set up crew, Fritz and Eiler and all the kitchen helpers, Sabia and her servers and Badai, Divina and Stjerne, who stayed late to clean up, THANK YOU!

There were over 250 folks in attendance and we served feast to about 175. I think that may be a record for a Crown Tourney.

Pro Rege, grege, et lege,

Elisheva

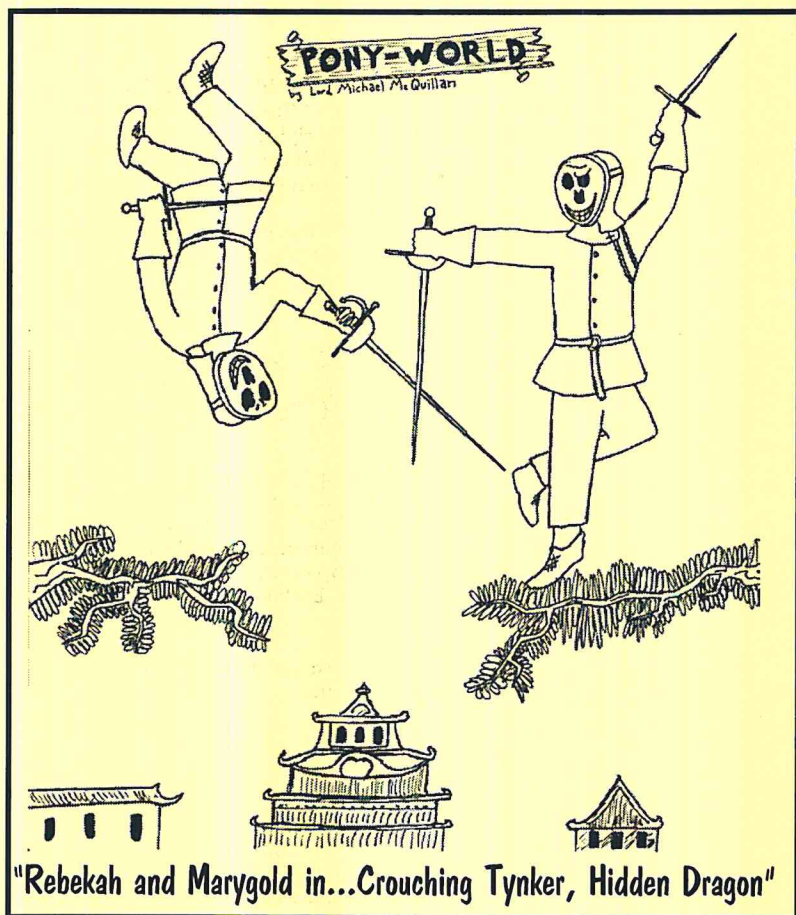


Outlandish Gate Monster Spotted!

Woefully doth I bring news of a horrific kind. Scouts of this fair and glorious barony have brought me missives of a lurking, starved creature which is maddly gibberingly about preciousses and fishessss and other provisions. Indeed such tales would make one doubt the sanity of the teller, but these rumors have been true before. In an effort to assure the safety and comfort of all gate volunteers I am spearheading an effort to provision the gate with bribes to feed this hungry beast. Please contact me at ldysabia@aol.com or 896-3333 if you can assist me in any manner with this undertaking, from the condition of the creature (especially as sighted during the wee hours) I doth doubt that any provisions, sweet or sour, would go amiss.

In Service,

Sabia



"Rebekah and Marygold in...Crouching Tynker, Hidden Dragon"

Smoke & Mirrors
 A flirting glance
 Who by chance is in the dance
 Lord and Lady discretely masked
 Reality and Logic carefully by-passed

Come gentle baron, harken to my word—a midwinter adventure of magic and light—illusion and intrigue. Court the lady fair—follow the masked maiden if you dare. France circa 1550 late French illusionary court—illusionary food, masked courtiers and regal dancing a court of grace but surrounded with intrigue as those who sign in may not all be working for the same goal and bribes are fair in love and war.

Feast Coordinator, Lord Vladimir
 Autocrat, THL Sabia
 Midwinter December 13, 2003

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Gammer Gurton's Needle

Although I haven't received a full article for this month I believe Gammer Gurton's Needle is meeting at Lady Celina's residence in April. Please confirm this with Lady Rosamond.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacing, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing Article

I will be holding court dance practices at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah) on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm April 6 and 13 and May 4 and 18.

The weather has been lovely so far this winter and I hope you will join us. The classes are free and everyone, ages 7 and up, is welcome. If you have questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453 or at kreg@aps.edu.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

A&S Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Starting again after winter recess, please note that we will be meeting once a month on the 4th Thursday of each month.

April 24th will be an introduction into creating lampwork beads with a demonstration of techniques and necessary equipment. We are still scheduling the classes for May 29th and June 26th so please volunteer your skills by calling Lady Skia at 344-0094.

Westside Fighter Practice

Starting again after winter recess. It is every other Saturday morning from 9:30 am occurring on April 5th, 19th, May 3rd, 17th, and 31st. at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the Right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice

For April and May, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (April 6 and 13 and May 4 and 18.), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. March: 1st & 15th. April: 5, 10, 19 & 24. May: 3, 8, 17 & 22. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

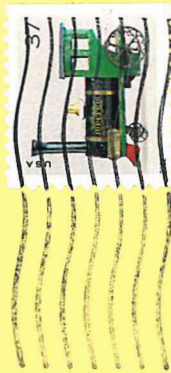
Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaiddwyn Armor-making Workshops

Come and join Blaiddwyn's knight marshal on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for armor making, or just to help build the college's loaner gear. Workshops held in building 83 (this is the old UNM bookstore) in the basement at the Blaiddwyn college's office cube. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Knight Marshal: Schuyler Smith at 255-5251 or smiths999@yahoo.com for more information.*

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"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." —American humorist Mark Twain

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